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FM USDEL SECRETARY IN CAIRO
TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT NIACT IMMEDIATE
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FOR MOLINEAUX

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, LE, OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R)
SUBJ: SECVISIT TO LEBANON

1. FOLLOWING ARE ANSWRS TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN YOUR MEMO.

2. VALOR AWARDS CEREMONY - PLAN TO HAVE AMB AND USIS
PHOTOGRAPHER BOARD AIRCRAFT FOR THIS EVENT AT 1450, JUST
PRIOR DEPARTURE, IS APPROVED.

3. DR WATSON SHOULD BE AT BAABDA, NOT RPT NOT YARZE. PLEASE
TRY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DR ASPER TO MEET HIM THERE, IF
POSSIBLE.

4. SINCE THERE WILL BE NO OFFICIAL NOTETAKER AT MEETING WITH
SARKIS OR LUNCHEON, INFORM TOUMAYAN THAT HE SHOULD BE PRE-
PARED TO PERFORM THIS TASK, AS INCONSPICUOUSLY AS POSSIBLE.

5. S/S OFFICER REDDY WILL REMAIN ABOARD AIRCRAFT, AND
APPRECIATES AVAILABILITY OF COURIER SERVICE TO BAADA IF
REQUIRED. MS MORGAN WILL RIDE IN STAFF CAR ONE; STAFF CAR TWO
SHOULD BE LEFT IN THE MOTORCADE AS BACKUP.

6. PLEASE LABEL CARS OFFICIAL CAR NUMBER 1, ETC, STAFF CAR 1,
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ETC. TO FACILITATE DEPARTURE FROM AIRPORT.

7. THERE IS ONE TRUNK OF SY EQUIPMENT FOR BEIRUT TO BE OFF
LOADED IN BEIRUT.

8. ON PRESS ARRANGEMENTS, SECRETARY WIL PROBABLY DECIDE NOT
RPT NOT TO ISSUE AN ARRIVAL STATEMENT SINCE THERE WILL BE

NO OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO DELIVER IT ORALLY. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE SECRETARY MAY MAKE A SHORT EXTEMPORANEOUS DEPARTURE STATEMENT JUST PRIOR TO LEAVING BAADA PALACE AFTER LUNCH THE PRESIDENT. (LANE WILL ENCOURAGE THE SECRETARY TO DISCUSS WITH BOUTROS THE MAJOR POINTS HE INTENDS TO MAKE.) SECRETARY MAY ALSO REFER TO \$50 MILLION US AID PACKAGE FOR LEBANON AND EMBASSY SHOULD HAVE PRESS HANDOUTS PREPARED FOR DISTRIBUTION AT THAT TIME. AMB SHOULD INFORM BOUTROS OF ABOVE AND SUGGEST THAT HE ALSO MIGHT WISH TO MAKE A SHORT STATEMENT AT THAT TIME, IN REPLY TO THE SECRETARY. WE DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THERE WILL BE TIME FOR ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS.

9. TRAVELING PRESS WILL ACCOMPANY SECRETARY'S PARTY TO WATCH ARRIVAL AND OPENING OF PLENARY SESSION AT BAABDA PALACE, THEN GO TO YARZE FOR FILING AND LUNCH. TRAVELING PRESS WILL THEN RETURN TO BAABDA TO BE PRESENT FOR POSSIBLE DEPARTURE STATEMENTS. ALL TRAVELING PRESS ARE JOURNALISTS NOT PHOTOGRAPHERS.
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